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YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH

AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Rev. James D. Carson

When President Eisenhower signed the act adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance, he remarked, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

We believe that the addition of these words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance is a step in the right direction. More important than this, however, is the addition to the Constitution of the United States a recognition of the law and the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. This, we believe, would do even more to make this great land "one nation, under God."

A New Beginning

The 11th chapter of Genesis begins with the words that "the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech." (Gen. 11:1) There were no translators, no foreign language classes in the schools, no misunderstandings among people on the basis of language, and everyone could understand the speech of everyone else. Actually, it was not long since God had made a new start on the earth, for looking out over the people that were upon the earth, God saw "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen. 6:5) And because of that, God sent his judgment upon the earth, but now, a new beginning had come about.

And then a group of civic leaders in Babylon, or Babel, as it was called in antiquity, launched forth on a grand new future for their beloved city. They wanted to make their city famous, not only in their generation, but for the future, their names might be emblazoned on pages of history. Their plan is summ ized in these words, "Go to, let us b us a city and a tower, whose top reach unto heaven; and let us make name, lest we be scattered abroad the face of the whole earth." (Gen. 11

Two Major Sins

The leaders of that great city guilty of two major sins. The first pride. The second was rebellion.

Concerning their pride, we read of t ambition, "Let us make us a nam They were proud, arrogant, and that ceeding generations might remem them, they chose to build a magnifi monument, a tower, if you please, would reach to the very gate of hea Perhaps this may seem to us like a ra strange venture, from our perspectiv scientific advancements in space tra We have highflying aircraft, hig flying balloons, and now missiles streaking out through space tow and around the moon. And yet their sire was to break through the clou with their tower to the very gate God.

I am reminded of the metrical vers of the 49th Psalm:

Yet within their heart they say
That their houses are for aye,
That their dwelling places grand
Shall for generations stand.

To their lands they give their name
In the hope of lasting fame;
But man's honor quickly flies
He, like beasts that perish, dies.

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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIES FOLLOWING TRAGGIC AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. Zebulon Harrison Rhodes, age 71, retary of the Board of Directors of National Reform Association, died Sabbath afternoon, July 12th, in St. ir Memorial Hospital following a trag- auto accident on the preceding day the Parkway west of Pittsburgh, Pa., en an approaching car crossed the ider strip and struck Mr. Rode's car d-on.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. July 15th in Christ Evangelical ted Brethren Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa. A resident of 402 W. Hutchinson Ave., gewood, for 42 years, Mr. Rodes had en active in community, civic, and rch affairs in the Wilkinsburg area.

Mr. Rodes was a man of various af- iations and had been a teacher and icer in his Church for more than 30 rs. He was active in the Council of urches, the Sabbath School Associa- n, the Christian Amendment Movement, Civic Club of Allegheny County, the mmunity Betterment Association, and veral other organizations, as well as e National Reform Association, of ich he had been a member of the Board many years. He gave not only of his e and talents, but contributed liberal- of his means in support of the work. visited the office of the Association quently, kept himself informed about activities, and helped in many ways the futherance of the causes in which Association is engaged.

Mr. Rodes was graduated from the iladelphia College of Pharmacy in 10, and worked as a salesman for the ck Brothers Co., a Pittsburgh surgi- instrument firm.

Mr. Rodes was born in Johnstown, Pa., graduated from Dallas-town High hool. He served in the Army during rld War I, and for Civil Defense dur- World War II.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. ry Ann Smith, of Erie, Pa.; two sons, Rev. Richard R. Rodes, of Cleve- d, Ohio, and Nevin J. Rodes, of uisville, Ohio; a brother, Llewellyn Rodes, of York, Pa., and eleven grandchildren. His wife died about a year and a half ago.

The National Reform Association suffers the loss of a devoted friend in the death of Mr. Rodes. He was the type of Christian gentlemen who are becoming altogether too few here in America today — one who, while a highly successful businessman, made it his primary business to serve Christ, and to take his Christianity with him wherever he went.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. In a special way will he be missed by the National Reform Association. His place can never be completely filled. He was the kind of person it was a privilege to know. Our prayer is that the Lord will raise up many more like him, for he was truly a man of God, one whose influence for good will live on through the years.

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HEARING ON BILL TO PROHIBIT SERVING LIQUOR ON AIR LINES

The Congregational Record of July 13 announced that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce will hold public hearings on July 28 and 29, 1959, in the New House Office Building at 10:30 A.M. on H. R. 169 by Lane of Mass. and on related bills, to prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages to passengers on aircraft in flight.

Although the public hearing will undoubtedly be passed when you read this announcement, the committee will not as yet have acted upon it. It will not be too late, therefore, to write letters in support of the action called for in this and the related bills. Letters (only) should be written to the Chairman, Hon. John Bell Williams (Miss), Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., stressing the safety angle and to strengthen the testimony of the Stewards and Stewardesses Association to prohibit serving of liquor on planes.

It should be kept in mind that this is a SAFETY and NOT a wet or dry matter.

The Editor's Page

ARE THE COURTS ACTING IN OUR HIGHEST GOOD?

The preamble of the Constitution of the United States declares that one of the purposes for establishing the Constitution was to promote the general welfare. Surely the public welfare includes such things as the public health, the public safety, the public order, and the public morals.

When we consider some of the interpretations being put on the Constitution by various recent rulings by the Supreme Court, one wonders if those on the bench are completely oblivious to this matter of promoting the general welfare. Recent rulings would seem to indicate that our Supreme Court judges regard the Constitution as guaranteeing free expression of ideas, no matter what those ideas may be, or how contrary they may be to the moral standards, the religious precepts and the legal code of the citizenry.

As a case in point, the New York Board of Regents had declared a French movie version of H. D. Lawrence's notorious novel, *Lady Chatterley's Lover* "immoral within the intent of our law" The novel itself has been banned from the U. S. Mails by Postmaster Arthur E. Summerfield. The New York Board of Regents had ruled that the movie version violated the New York Code which prohibits shows that portray "acts of sexual immorality, perversion or lewdness . . . as desirable, acceptable or proper patterns of behavior."

It is not our purpose to determine here whether or not the film should have been condemned. Apparently it should have been, or the Board of Regents would hardly have taken the action they The thing that disturbs us here is the Supreme Court had to say abou New York code that condemned movie. Justice Potter Stewart, prese the ruling of the Court, wrote, "It is tended that the State's action was fied because the motion picture at ively portrays a relationship whic contrary to the moral standards, th ligious precepts and the legal co its citizenry. The argument misconc what it is that the Constitution prot Its guarantee is not confined to th pression of ideas that are convent or shared by a majority . . . In the rea ideas it protects expression whi eloquent no less than that which i convincing."

By this unanimous action the Su Court has come out for free expre of ideas on the screen or elsewh regardless of what those ideas a how offensive they may be to the " standards, the religious precepts an legal code of its citizenry."

Presumably it is on the basis o ruling by the United States Su Court that the Supreme Court of Pen vania has just this month declare State's obscenity law to be uncon tional, thus opening the gates for a of lewd and obscene portrayals o screens or on the stage of unscrup show house operators throughout Commonwealth.

These interpretations on the pa our highest courts turn freedom of sp and press into license for the mos base ideas of which sinful man is able and give the most depraved a

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Crusade Against Liquor Advertising and Beercasting

A Crusade focused upon the editors or publishers of magazines, newspapers, officials of broadcasting networks, radio and television stations and other advertising media; protesting against those who accept liquor, wine or beer advertising, and commending those who do not.

Why This Crusade?

,000 Alcoholics and 3,000,000 problem ers (Includes alcoholics in all states of olism)

,400 Major Crimes Committed in 1957, the onsecutive year with over 2 million, with r as the Major Contributing Cause.

c-Health Problem No. 4 Created by the age Use of Alcohol.

38,500 Persons Killed and 2,525,000 Injured on our Highways and streets in 1957. In 30% to 50% of the Fatal Accidents a Drunken or Drinking Driver or Pedestrian was involved.

The Breakdown of the American Home with Liquor as the Major Contributing Cause.

The Unwarranted Brain-Washing Effect of such advertising on Young and Old alike, Resulting in the Degradation and Wreckage of the Human Personality by the millions.

$412,585,000 Advertising Drive in 1957

spapers	$ 68,934,000	Spot Television	$ 38,483,000
ral Magazines	39,441,000	Outdoor	33,671,000
spaper Magazines	2,334,000	Farm Publications	55,000
ork Television	8,071,000	Spot Radio *	13,596,000
	Point of Purchase **	$207,500,000	

* Estimated 3rd quarter expenditures for 1957 multiplied by four.
** Point of purchase expenditure for 1956.

Documentation for above figures available on request.

ducing the above and other tragic results, affic in alcoholic beverages is spending uge sum of $412,585,000 (an average of for every man, woman and child in Amer- the most misleading, glamorous and en- advertising ever conceived by the mind n. Why? Every teen-ager knows why. The is clear.

liquor crowd is determined to sell more ore alcoholic beverages to more and more e, irrespective of the devastating effects manhood, womanhood and youth of Amer-

s scandal calls for action. Multitudes are g: "Something ought to be done." Doubtless you are thinking or saying just that. "But what can be done?" "What can I do?"

YOU CAN BE A CRUSADER

Participate in this Crusade Against Liquor Advertising. Follow the suggestions set forth in this Brochure. (See page 4 for explicit instructions.)

More and more liquor advertising is being aimed at the home. The Brewers, especially, are determined to make all Americans believe that "Beer Belongs". Where? In the home, in the family outing, everywhere.

Radio and Television Beer-Beaming and Wine-Casting

"Promotion of the type that stimulates drinking of beer by women, subtly done of course, is likely to be the greatest factor swelling beer consumption in the future. With adequate, persuasive promotion, beer should eventually become more or less a staple item on the home shopping list." —Peter B. B. Andrews,
Free-lance Economist for the Brewing Industry

"Over the years we have progressed from the **saloon** to the **tavern** to the **home**—and that's good for the industry." —Norman R. Klug,
President, Miller Brewing Company

1. The brewers are now reaching practically all of our 50,510,843 American homes and 170,333,000 people by radio and 83% or 41,924,000 of these homes by television with their beer sponsored programs and spot commercials.

2. As indicated in the quotes above, beer-casting is focused chiefly upon the HOME with a view to making drinkers of mothers and fathers alike, and to so mind-condition the children that they will eventually become drinkers.

3. The brewers are greatly extending th reach of and influence upon American youth tying in their beer-casting with sports even baseball, football, boxing, etc., — in wh American youth are keenly interested, t introducing them to the foaming suds, winn their favor and patronage.

4. Television advertising is more effect than by other media by reason of its app through the eye as well as the ear. Educat say 70% of permanent impressions on yo people are made through the eye.

— Remember This —

Beer, ale and wine are the only alcoholic beverages advertised over radio and TV.

Only large brewing companies and vintners advertise nationally over the networks. Most brewers advertise locally, or at most, regionally, and most of this advertising is by local stations or independent stations not affiliated with national networks. Your protest should therefore be focused upon local or regional radio and TV stations. Obtain information regarding these stations from your own listening or viewing, your local newspapers and your classified telephone directory. (See page 4 for specific instructions)

Several of the big breweries and a few vintners advertise their products over national networks. To assist you in protesting against this network advertising of alcoholic beverages the names and addresses of the network companies are listed below.

National Radio and Television Network Companies

AMERICAN BROADCASTING – PARAMOUNT THEATERS, INC.
7 W. 66th St., New York 23, N. Y.

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTE INC., & CBS TELEVISION
485 Madison Ave., New York 22, N.

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC., RCA Building, New York 20, N. Y.

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The Twelve Top Magazines in Alcoholic Beverage Advertising Revenue 1957

Magazines	Circulation*	Revenue from liquor ads**	Total revenue from all advt.***
E, Time Incorporated, Time & Life Bldg. Rockefeller Center, New York 20, N. Y.	5,738,226	$13,942,425	$137,522,494
K, Cowles Magazines, Inc. 488 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.	4,191,057	5,769,953	43,352,335
E, Time Incorporated, Time & Life Bldg. Rockefeller Center, New York 20, N. Y.	2,059,536	4,207,648	45,122,621
YORKER, The New Yorker Magazine, Inc. 25 W. 43rd St., New York 36, N. Y.	412,502	2,844,529	15,762,252
SWEEK, Weekly Publications, Inc. 152 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y.	1,091,674	2,316,286	22,895,800
IDAY, Curtis Publishing Co. Independence Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa.	869,690	1,708,960	8,328,846
UIRE, Esquire, Inc. 488 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.	786,156	1,444,534	6,026,618
RTS ILLUSTRATED, Time Incorporated, Rockefeller Center, New York 20, N. Y.	864,786	1,291,277	6,871,228
. NEWS, United States News Publishing Corp. 24th & N. Sts., N. W., Washington 7, D. C.	867,672	996,493	16,499,441
E, Fawcett Publications, Inc. 67 W. 44th St., New York 36, N. Y.	2,228,049	678,143	3,597,808
, Cue Publishing Co. 6 E. 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.	119,781	488,081	1,320,881
NY Johnson Publishing Co. 1820 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 16, Ill.	446,564	358,765	1,675,101

The Twelve Top Magazines in Advertising Revenue Refusing Liquor, Wine and Beer Advertising

Magazines	Circulation*	Advertising Revenue***
URDAY EVENING POST, (Began accepting alcoholic beverage ads in 1958) Independence Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa.	4,950,061	$ 90,899,031
IES HOME JOURNAL, Curtis Publishing Co., Independence Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa.	5,320,300	29,506,441
TER HOMES & GARDENS, Meredith Publishing Co., 1716 Locust St., Des Moines 3, Iowa	4,302,019	29,260,386
D HOUSEKEEPING, The Hearst Corp., 57th St. at Eighth Ave., New York 19, N. Y.	3,815,085	21,487,673
DER'S DIGEST, (U. S. edition) Reader's Digest Ass'n., Inc., Pleasantville, N. Y.	10,718,943	18,052,465
M JOURNAL, Farm Journal, Inc., 230 W. Washington Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa.	3,523,260	13,135,837
RICAN HOME, American Home Magazine Corp. 300 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.	3,150,764	10,142,010
ENTS MAGAZINE, Parents Institute, Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York 17, N. Y.	1,686,047	7,069,283
GRESSIVE FARMER, The Progressive Farmer Co. 821 N. 19th St., Birmingham, Alabama	1,314,882	6,925,510
AN'S DAY, Woman's Day, Inc., 19 E. 44th St., New York 36, N. Y.	3,141,051	5,588,969
CESSFUL FARMING, Meredith Publishing Co., 1716 Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa	1,313,238	5,035,892
ULAR MECHANICS, Popular Mechanics Co., 200 E. Ontario St., Chicago 11, Ill.	1,294,925	4,083,873

ndard Rate & Data Service, Inc. ** Publishers Information Bureau *** Advertising Age.

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The Crusade and Newspapers Wet and Dry

Distillers, vintners and brewers are spending more in newspaper advertising than by any other medium.

A large majority of newspapers, especially dailies with large circulations, accept liquor, wine and beer ads.

There are about 200 daily and 2,000 weekly newspapers in the United States that refuse all kinds of alcoholic beverage advertising. This represents about 13% of the dailies and 25% of the weeklies. In addi many others are dry on liquor or liquor wine.

Crusaders are advised to concen their protest efforts on wet newspaper their locality. Also, do not overlook **mending** the editors of dry papers. It not be difficult to learn the policy of l papers with reference to this issue.

IMPORTANT

1. Let your objection to liquor advertising be known. It won't count unless you do.

2. Be a leader in your community in promoting the Crusade. Enlist individuals, groups, organizations.

3. Make use of the "Sticker-On-A-Liquor-Ad" method of protest, designed especi for busy people. (See below)

4. Secure an ample supply of this info tive brochure and of the **protest** and **mendatory** stickers to equip yourself others for active participation in this sade.

How and To Whom To Protest

Protests should be sent to the editors or publishers of magazines and newspapers, the owners or managers of radio stations, and of other media advertising alcoholic beverages.

An effective method of protesting to your local radio and TV station is to phone directly to the station during or immediately following the time the beer and wine sponsored programs are on the air.

Personal letters are most effective. Write them in your own words. The essential point to make clear is your opposition to liquor, wine and beer advertising. Business and professional persons should use their own letterhead.

Many people like the ease and simplicity of the sticker method of protest. Both **protest** and **commendatory** stickers are available, the first printed in red, the latter in blue. Forms and prices are shown below. Attach a **protest** sticker to an alcoholic beverage ad taken from a ma zine or newspaper and mail to the editor or lisher of the publication from which the ad taken. Repeat, repeat and repeat.

Commend dry publishers for their stand. the front page or mast head of their publicat Attach a commendatory sticker and mail to editor or publisher of the publication.

Be sure to send your protest or commenda in a sealed envelope with first class post

The advertising of alcoholic beverages is a **right,** it is only a **special privilege.**

The U. S. Supreme Court in the Crowley Christianson (137 U. S. 86) ruling, decla "There is no inherent right in a citizen to liquor." Neither has one an inherent right advertise it. It is only a special privilege should be given up for the public good.

I am opposed to this ad from your publication and to all forms of liquor advertising.

Name.....

Address.....

(Protest sticker)

I heartily commend your policy of not a cepting alcoholic beverage ads in your pape

Name.....

Address.....

(Commendatory sticker)

AWAKE AMERICANS, AWAKE!

Join this Crusade in defense of the Youth, Mothers and Homes of America.

Crusade Brochure: 25 or less, 5¢ each; 50 or more, 3¢ each; 1,000 or more, 2¢ each.

Stickers — four to a sheet: price per sheet: 1-15, 2¢ each; 25, 40¢; 75, $1.00; 100, $1.25; 500, $5.0 1,000 or more, $8.00 per thousand. Please be sure to specify which kind or how many of each are want

Order from

Dr. J. Renwick Patterson, Executive Secretary, National Reform Association
109 Monitor Avenue, Pittsburgh 2, Pennsylvania

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nd in poluting the minds of young and d alike.

We highly prize the freedoms guaran- ed in our National Constitution, but by e wildest stretch of our imagination, e cannot conceive that its founders er dreamed that in giving persons free- m of speech and press, that they had edom of obscenity in the back of their inds, or that the Constitution guaran- eing these freedoms would ever be so terpreted by the Supreme Court so as to arantee freedom to speak, write or hibit anything or everything one can ink of, no matter how base or offensive may be.

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed ecause of their very gross immorality. ith a rising disregard for morality in is country, it is certainly no time for e highest courts of our land to aid and et the trend by making rulings so lverse to the standards of decency.

Let's interpret our Federal and State nstitutions in the light of the intent nd purpose of those who wrote them, t in the light of men who, though they e on the bench of our highest courts, ave, apparently, no fear of God and who eem to regard that there are no moral solutes. Be it ever remembered that ere is a Higher Court than the Supreme ourt of the United States. There is a igher Law than those which are written our statute books. There is a Supreme dge over the nation. His Law we must ed, lest we too, like Sodom and Go- rrah, perish from the earth.

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R. PATTERSON SUBMITS TESTIMONY ON PENNA. S. B. 405

On June 23, Dr. J. R. Patterson travel- by auto with Mr. Albert McClester of e Western Pennsylvania Sabbath Asso- ation to Mispeh, a Methodist Camp eting grounds near Lewistown, Pa., attend a meeting of the Pennsylvania derated Legislative Committee.

Lunch was enjoyed in the Camp dining om with the young people of the Penn- lvania L.T.L., whose camp was in session during that week.

Following the meeting of the Legislative Committee they drove on to Harrisburgh to attend the hearing on S.B. 405, to prohibit the retailing of non-essential consumer goods on the Lord's Day.

The bill, which passed the third reading in the Senate by a vote of 37-9, was sent to the House where it was referred to the Rules committee and reported as committed. First reading was June 10. It was recommitted to the Rules committee, June 15, before which committee the hearing was held, starting at 2:00 P. M. June 24.

The hearing room, was more than filled to its capacity of some 250 persons, and there were perhaps several times that number in the halls who were unable to gain admittance. It was the desire of Hon. "Hi" Andrews, venerable Speaker of the House, and Chairman of the Rules Committee to all witnesses who desired to do so—and there were many of them As the afternoon drew to a close, after many witnesses, both for and against had testified and with many more eager to do so, the assurance was given that opportunity for all to be heard would be given, even if the hearing had to be continued late into the night and on the following day. Because of other commitments, it was necessary for both Mr. McClester and Dr. Patterson to return to their homes that evening. Contact was made with Chairman Andrews and the prepared statements of each were submitted for filing with the Committee.

No further action has until this date been taken by the Committee, but friends of the bill, including the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor are confident the bill will pass in the House if Again reported out of Committee.

The passage of this bill will put some real teeth in Pennsylvania's Sabbath laws. The penalties for violation are severe enough as to discourage ignoring the law and paying the present petty fines as a license for the privilege of operating as usual on the Lord's Day.

Friends of the Christian Sabbath in Pennsylvania should write to Hon. Hiram Andrews, who is also a staunch defender of the Sabbath, urging favorable action on the part of the Committee.

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

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The sin of the Babylonians is a sin copied by many individuals and nations down through the centuries, for man desires that his name might be remembered in the hearts and lives of succeeding generations.

Concerning the rebellion of the Babylonians, we find that they refused to do what God commanded them to do. Following the flood, the directions were given to Noah, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." (Gen. 9:1) This of necessity would require travel, spreading out through the earth, making new homes. But they chose rather to build a tower, as they said, "lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." (Gen. 11:4)

God's Purpose In Scattering

There are many times when God intends that men be scattered for one purpose or another. The early Christians, as a result of the persecutions which arose in connection with Stephen, were scattered, and the record tells us that "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word". And in such a way, the message of the Good News was spread. Our forefathers, living under religious bondage, did not hesitate to leave their homes to settle on the new frontiers of the world in order that they might worship God aright. God had a purpose, but the Babylonians rebelled against that purpose. The Babylonians were proud and rebellious.

And then came the judgment, for God said, "Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." (Gen. 11:7) Can't you hear it now? One workman saying to another, "Bring me some more bricks", and the second, hearing a noise, but not understanding the request, began to think the second the request, asked him to repeat, but the first, not understanding the request to repeat the request, began to think the second man somewhat deficient, and a third man was called in, but he could not more understand what they were sayi than the first two could understand speech.

The 2100 languages and dialects up the face of the earth today are not a m ument to man's ingenuity, but they are monument to man's sinfulness.

And what man had refused to do, G now was doing for them by making impossible for them to continue in th normal activity. And from the account the confusion of Babylon, I think we c not escape the conclusion that *the tions of the world are alienated from G* We of course believe that through s each individual is by nature alienat from God, but nations are likewise ali ated. It was not simply one man or c family that suffered in the sin of Babyl it was society that suffered, and is s suffering.

It is significant to point out that up this point in the narrative of Genesis, record has concerned all nations and people in general. But here is the bre ing point. From this time on, the rec is concerned primarily with the history that nation chosen by God and set ap by His grace as a peculiar people, separated nation. Nations, as well individuals, can be alienated from Almighty.

A lot of water has gone down the E phrates since those people, with th twisted tongues and broken dreams w forced to leave and seek out new hom But the truth of the narrative is as fre as the headlines of the current new paper, as expressed by the Psalmis "The wicked shall be turned into She and all the nations that forget Goc (Psalm 9:17) And we do damage to faithfulness and the justice of Almigh God if we today fail to apply these l sons to our own great land.

America Forgets God

When the Chaplain of the Revolut questioned Alexander Hamilton as to w the Constitutional Convention left out references to God in the final draft, replied, "Indeed, Doctor, we forgot it Forgot God? Forgot the Bible? How dc a man go about forgetting God? The Bal lonians thought they could get to God themselves. Americans just forget ab God.

And so the framers of our Constitution, ving forgotten God, began that great ument with the words, "We, the people the United States...do ordain and ablish this Constitution for the United tes of America." Perhaps the framers the Constitution did not fully realize at they were doing, and so there have en repeated efforts to correct this ission. But this in turn may lead us to second parallel between America and bylon, for while we recognize that re are many who have not heard of the ristian Amendment, yet we also know t many who have heard of it, are turn- their forces against it. It is not ough, apparently, just to ignore God, we must fight any attempt to recog- e Him.

God the Father honored God the Son d committed to Him all authority in aven and in earth. This is true, wheth- we acknowledge it or not. Our con- sion or lack of confession of this truth es not change the fundamental truth. d what we seek to do is simply to ke acknowledgment of the fact that thority, even in national life, is the rogative of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I'd like to make myself very clear at s point. Perhaps you will recall the ry of the man flying across the Pacific, d after some hours asked the pilot, low are we doing?" Apparently uncon- rned, the pilot answered, "We're lost, we're making good time."

And this is the way I feel about our nstitution. It is a good document, just the airplane was a good one, and it s in good working order. But the pilot d lost his directional equipment, and believe America has lost her compass. d without that compass to guide Amer- , who knows where the ship of state y sail?

The Pittsburgh Press (May 20, 1959) orted that a panel of Federal judges s found a Massachusetts "blue law" bidding business on the Lord's Day constitutional in the case of a Jewish rket. State after state, seeking sources additional revenue are bowing to the shes of "We, the people" in the matter betting at race tracks, legalized gam- ng of other forms, taxation on the sale d manufacture of beverage alcohol.

We're lost, but we're making good time.

Senator Kefauver has said this, "It is difficult for members of Congress to keep a perspective. If the good people back home would write us more often, giving us their views on matters of national legislation and public policy, it would be very helpful." I think I understand the perspective from which Mr. Kefauver writes these words, and I do not wish to twist their meaning, and yet has the time not come when we must state publicly that we look up and beyond the people of the United States even to Almighty God for our direction in government?

America's Need

This nation needs to be "one nation, under God", not only in the Pledge of Allegiance, but in the Constitution of the United States which is the final authority of law, and in the hearts and lives of men and women everywhere.

Will America learn in time?

One writer, taking up his pen the morning after V-J day, deplored the fact that though America had been given many warnings through wars, depressions and though America had received many blessings in the days of prosperity and victory, we still had not learned the lesson. What will it take for America to answer the call of God? In concluding his remarks, this writer wrote, "It is now high time that we as Christians abandoned the sweet dream that external items in the field of current events will ultimately call our nation back to God."

My friends, America needs a compass to steer her from certain and final destruction, and the only one that can do the job is the Lord Jesus Christ, "for other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

For this reason, I urge your support of the Christian Amendment, that our land may truly be ONE NATION, UNDER GOD.

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FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

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Is Communism the wave of the future? Is Kruschev correct in saying our grandchildren will be Communists?

Some of the factors which make it a serious threat were discussed in the last issue. Is there a defense against the tide of Communism?

It has often been said that Christianity is the answer to Communism.

I wonder.

At the very outset you remember that Communism came to power and strength in one of the most proudly Christian of all nations: Russia. The nineteenth century opened with the *Holy* Alliance, suggested by the Czar of Russia; the century ended with Russia zealously defending the "holy places" in Palestine against the Moslem Turks.

The name of Christianity is not enough as a defense against Communism.

Christianity must be *alive*. A personal faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior and my Lord is not only theoretically incompatible with the Communist ideology; but as a matter of practice it leaves no room for the teachings or the emotions of Communism.

There are, of course, some similarities between Christianity and Communism. But the differences are unbridgeable. The Christian, like the Communist, believes that the present world is a struggle; but he is not so naive as to define the struggle in economic terms. The Christian, like the Communist, claims that there is one moving force in the world. But to the Christian, the "mainspring" of history is God, not the forces of production. The Christian recognizes, like the Communist, that there is grave injustice and oppression in the world. But he is under no illusion that revamping, or even revolutionizing, the economic system, is going to remove injustice and oppression. The Christian, like the Communist, looks to an eventual perfect society; but he does not believe that straightening out economics is the r to it. Especially, the Christian wh faith in Jesus Christ is genuine cc never believe that the end justifies means—even the extermination of peopl

An *alive* Christianity is a defe against Communism. But it must be ali A purely formal religion or a Christian twisted from its original purity does stand as a bulwark against Communism

A second print which seems to me portant is that Christianity is not answer to Communism unless it dem strates both concern for the problems society and love in their solution. Chr tianity which survives contentedly all with injustice is no answer to Comm ism. Russia is an excellent examp Along with the formality of the religi came a paralysis of the Christian c science. There were eloquent voi raised in protest, like those of Tolst But the society as a whole tolerated greatest injustice. And in this hotho the seeds of Communism germinated.

Wherever Communism has achieved significant measure of popular supp as in Russia and in China, there ha been genuine evils in society, which Communists have in a measure eli nated. In other areas where there strong Communist parties, they feed the evils around them.

If Christianity is to be the answer Communism, it must be aware of proble and concerned for their solution. Christians we cannot isolate oursel from iniquities, either in our own cou or in the rest of the world, and exp our private and protected Christianity be the answer to the threat of Communi

Many students of Communism ha pointed out that Communism is a religi we know it has been able to challe the utmost dedication among its follo ers. If Christianity is to be the answ it must be a vital Christianity, with active concern for the evils in the wo